(b) whether the accommodation is occupied by all Senior Managers;

(c) if no, the reasons therefor and the date from which the accommodation is lying unoccupied;

(d) what is the approximate amount of loss to Government due to non-occupation of the said accommodation; and

(e) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Only at New Delhi, residential accommodation for Senior Manager is available in the office premises.

(b) No Sir, the accommodation has not been occupied by the Senior Managers, New Delhi.

(c) The reason for non-occupation of the residential accommodation by the Senior Manager is that due to shortage of accommodation in the office of the Mail Motor Service, the residential accommodation has been merged with the office accommodation, since August, 1988.

(d) There is no loss to Government due to non-occupation of the said accommodation because it is being utilised as office accommodation.

(e) No remedial action, is therefore, proposed to be taken in this regard.

Amalgamation of Telecom Commission and Postal Board

3397. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for amalgamation of Telecom Commission and Postal Board;

(b) if so, by when it will be implemented;

(c) what is the number of posts in each grade which will be reduced as a result thereof; and

(d) whether MTNL, New Delhi will remain in its present position?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) The matter is under active consideration of the Government.

Compassionate Appointments in Department of Posts and Telecommunications

3398. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the Department of Posts and Telecommunications to grant appointment to one family member of an employees who died while in service;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of cases of appointment under relaxation of recent rules in death cases received in 1991 in each Postal and Telecommunication Circle separately, and what is the number of cases of SC/STs therein;

(d) what is the total number of cases out of above in part (c) rejected and the number of cases of SC/STs therein; and

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider to grant appointment in all cases of SC/STs mentioned in part (d) above keeping in view of their social backgrounds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When a government servant dies in harness leaving behind his family in indigent circumstances and is in immediate need of assistance, then one dependent is eligible for consideration for appointment on compassionate grounds.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected from the field units and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.